

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

APRIL 18, 2017

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Brian Conner, Craig Smith, and Brad Berkemeier answered roll call. Councilman Bridges arrived later in the meeting. Councilman Cameron was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Jama Singleton, Student Advisor.

MINUTES: Conner moved to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2017 meeting as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. The library fund raiser is this weekend.
2. April 25th there will be a town hall meeting at the 201 Building.
3. May 4th is race night with Mark Dismore.
4. May 13th is the Mayor's 5K and later that evening is Cash Bash.
5. Attended a meeting in Louisville with FEMA regarding the levee recertification. We came to a verbal agreement.
6. Informed everyone that Virginia Willkie passed away.
7. Construction is continuing on the Farmer's Market. The block work is done, the wall is complete, and they worked on the roof today.
8. Demolition is taking place on the ECDC's training center.
9. Met with Russell Brown and Joe Peacock on the housing. We came up with a letter of intent. We are waiting to receive the LOI.
10. There will be a body camera presentation Friday at 1:00 p.m. at the Police Department.
11. Due to the resignation of Dr. Bowman from the Historic Board; Pavey will be making a new appointment.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – Nothing
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Nothing
- **Marketing** – Nothing
- **APC/BZA** – Nothing
- **City Center** – We have met and voted to move forward with RFP's.
- **Cherry Street** – Nothing
- **Brownfield Grant** – Nothing
- **ECDC** – Nothing

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker reported that they will pick up the 2nd car this week.

They have been working security at Wells Fargo Bank. Tucker gave a presentation on fraud prevention.

Street – Commissioner Miller reported that the Board of Works approved to hire Danny Dixon as a seasonal employee.

Park – Park Director Gurley said the Board of Works approved to hire Zach Hoeing, Andrew Rice, and Carter Payne for mowing. They also accepted the resignation of Gurley.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

PLANNING & ZONING: Nothing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Employee Policy Adjustments Report** – Williams said the employee policy is partially complete. Cameron was not present, but is working on the wording for the use of City equipment.
2. **Transfer Station/Recycling Fee Update** – Mayor Pavey informed Council that the Board of Works approved a bid for the 35 acres in the amount of \$310.00 per ac.

Mayor Pavey said if anyone had any items that they wanted on the RFP to contact Sheehan. He said we need to know what Council wants to compare. Berkemeier said he did not want to limit the services. Pavey said we need to know exactly how broad you want to go. Councilman Smith said we will want tonnage rates, recycling, and refuse. We need to make sure we are provided with our due diligence. Councilman Conner said we need to make a decision as to what we are going to do with the property and if we will have a transfer station. Pavey said he wants to be sure he is on the same page with Council. He wants to make sure Council gets the product they want in the end.

Current pricing for recycling is \$15.72.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2017-10 Creating a Special Projects Non Reverting Fund** – Conner moved to approve Ordinance 2017-10. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Ordinance 2017-11 Creating a Rushville Arts Non Reverting Fund** – Berkemeier moved to approve Ordinance 2017-11. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Trane Tax Abatement CF1** – Conner moved to approve Trane's tax abatements. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Conner amended his motion to add approval of Resolution 2017-5 for the new abatement. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **DNR (RTP) Recreational Trails Program – Top of Levee** - Berkemeier moved to give Council's approval of support to move forward with application for a recreational trail grant. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CLAIMS AND MARCH 2017 BANK RECONCILEMENT: Smith moved to approve the claims as presented and the March 2017 bank reconciliation. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Mayor Pavey presented a modified agreement with the County regarding taxes and liens that also included an item regarding sheriff sale properties.

Councilman Bridges arrived at 6:33.

Smith made a motion to approve the amended letter of agreement with the County. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

Council President Bridges reported that the Boys and Girls Club will be sponsoring an adult prom on May 19th at the club.

Bridges said he received an email from a boy scout wanting to do a service project regarding flags. Councilman Smith will contact him.

Bridges asked what the status was with the lights at Blue Ribbon Estate. Pavey said he met with Duke last week.

Sandy Fussner – Fussner said there will be a fireworks fund raiser tomorrow at Hardees.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.